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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 138229 ACTION PORT OF SPAIN 13 JUN 75

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SUBJECT: RESUMING PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1364

1. REFTEL REQUESTED GUIDANCE ON RESPONDING TO FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEPH'S QUERIES AS TO WHY WE DID NOT MAKE OUR NEW PROPOSALS FOR RESUMING THE PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE IN THE UN AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE REACTION OF OTHER OECD GOVERNMENTS TO OUR PROPOSALS.

2. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN YOUR EXPLANATION IN PARA 3
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REFTEL RE REASONS FOR MAKING PROPOSALS IN IEA. ON FUTURE

OCCASIONS YOU MIGHT WISH TO ELABORATE THAT ONE OF THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY, WHICH WE HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING, IS TO ESTABLISH A CONSTRUCTIVE CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE ON ENERGY. ALONG WITH OTHER IEA MEMBERS, WE REGRETTED THE SUSPENSION OF THE TALKS IN PARIS IN APRIL AND COMMITTED OURSELVES TO TRY TO GET THE DIALOGUE STARTED AGAIN. OUR PROPOSALS IN THE IEA MINISTERIAL WERE DESIGNED TO CONTRIBUTE TO A RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE AND TO HELP REALIZE ONE OF THE AGENCY'S KEY OBJECTIVES.

3. OUR PLAN REQUIRES THE NEW COMMISSIONS ON RAW MATERIALS AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS TO WORK CLOSELY WITH EXISTING INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE UN FRAMEWORK. WE BELIEVE THEY WILL PROVIDE A STRONG NEW IMPETUS TO ACCELERATING THE PACE OF EXISTING WORK AND HELP OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES TO PROGRESS IN EXISTING FORA. SINCE THERE IS NO INTERNATIONAL ENERGY ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, WE EXPECT THE NEW ENERGY COMMISSION TO BECOME THE FORUM FOR SUBSTANTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON ENERGY AND ENERGY-RELATED ISSUES. (FYI - WE CREATED THE IEA TO BE THE FOCUS OF CONSUMER COORDINATION OF ENERGY POLICIES AND BY MAKING OUR PROPOSALS IN THE IEA, WE UNDERScoreD THAT WE CONTINUE TO REGARD ENERGY AS THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT FOR PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE. END FYI)

4. YOU MAY INFORM THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT PRELIMINARY RESPONSES TO OUR PROPOSALS FROM OTHER OECD COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED GENERALLY POSITIVE COMMENTS FROM A NUMBER OF PRODUCING AND DEVELOPING CONSUMING NATIONS. WE WILL TAKE THEIR VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT AS WE DEVELOP OUR PROPOSALS MORE FULLY. IN RESPONSE TO HIS SPECIFIC QUESTION RE FRENCH REACTION, YOU CAN SAY THAT FRANCE APPEARS PLEASED THAT WE ARE ACTIVELY WORKING TO GET THE DIALOGUE BACK ON TRACK, HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS, AND HAS PRESENTED TO US A NUMBER OF ITS OWN IDEAS WHICH WE NOW HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION. KISSINGER
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